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1. FYI ONLY. SANTIAGO EMBASSY [REDACTED] REPORT OF 7 OCTOBER INDICATES FREI STILL CONSIDERING VARIOUS COURSES OF ACTION TO PREVENT LLENDE FROM TAKING OFFICE, INCLUDING HAVING CIVILIAN MINISTERS RESIGN, BRINGING IN MILITARY, AND MAKING SPEECH TO NATION. AMONG INFLUENCES MOVING FREI TO ADOPT STRONGER COURSE IS "SUDDEN CHANGE IN CHARACTER OF MRS. FREI".

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3. PRESS PLACEMENTS THIS THEME MIGHT INCORPORATE
FOLLOWING TRUE DATA:

A. ON 4 OCTOBER (WHILE PDC CONVENTION WAS IN PROGRESS)
FREI RECEIVED AN UNPRECEDENTED PROLONGED STANDING OVATION
FROM 80,000 AT SOCCER GAME AT NATIONAL STADIUM. THIS FACT
HAS NOT BEEN PRINTED IN A SINGLE PAPER IN SANTIAGO NOR MENTIONED
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B. SAME TYPE OF NEWS BLACKOUT OCCURRED ON 1 OCTOBER AT VINA DEL MAR CONFERENCE ON THE PACIFIC WHEN FREI SPONTANEOUSLY ROSE TO REBUT THE MARXIST POSTULATIONS OF OSVALDO SUNKEL, A HIGHLY RESPECTED LEFTIST ACADEMICIAN. FREI'S INTERVENTION AND REMARKS AT THAT TIME WERE TOTALLY UNPUBLISHED.

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END OF MESSAGE

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